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LETTER DATED 17 JANUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation, drop heat flares and break the sound barrier continued over the period 1-10 January 1995.

1 January 1995

Southern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi and Ushbayjah.

At 1425 hours on 1 January 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1518 hours.

2 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Artawi, Amarah and Salman.

On 2 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1046 hours and the other at 1347 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1250 and 1543 hours respectively.

3 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Artawi and Jalibah.

On 3 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1130 hours and the other at 1358 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1240 and 1510 hours respectively.

4 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah and Jalibah.

At 1105 hours on 4 January 1995, a hostile formation dropped 10 heat flares on the village of Badriyah, south of Dohuk.

At 1100 hours on 4 January 1995, a hostile formation dropped 10 heat flares in the Qaws area of Ninawa Governorate.

5 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Busayyah and Umm Qasr.

On 5 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1031 hours and the other at 1333 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1130 and 1405 hours respectively.

At 1655 hours on 5 December 1995, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier over the area to the south of Basra.

6 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Busayyah, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah and Qurnah.

On 6 January 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1015, one at 1200 and one at 1425 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1245, 1307 and 1455 hours respectively.

At 1235 hours on 6 January 1995, a hostile formation dropped four heat flares in the Sahaji area, south-west of Mosul in Ninawa Governorate.

7 January 1995

Southern region: 59 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Basra and Jalibah.

On 7 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1130 hours and the other at 1500 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1225 and 1525 hours respectively.

At 1258 hours on 7 January 1995, a hostile formation consisting of two aircraft broke the sound barrier over Nasiriyah, in Dhi Qar Governorate.

8 January 1995

Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Khidr, Amarah and Artawi.

On 8 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1000 hours and the other at 1245 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1100 and 1345 hours respectively.

At 1300 hours on 8 January 1995, aggressor aircraft dropped six heat flares in the Salamiyah area of Ninawa Governorate.

9 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Artawi, Samawah, Rumaylah, Salman, Qal'at Salih and Chabaish.

On 9 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1055 hours and the other at 1250 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1300 and 1500 hours respectively.

At 1207 hours on 9 January 1995, a hostile formation consisting of two aircraft broke the sound barrier over Nasiriyah in Dhi Qar Governorate.

10 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 7 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 10 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 0953 hours and the other at 1240 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1105 and 1325 hours respectively.

At 1305 hours on 10 January 1995, a hostile formation consisting of two aircraft broke the sound barrier over the Qurnah area in Maysan Governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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